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The whole of the adjoining Lots Nos.
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are building land and 19,940 square
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fronts on to the sea and there is a depth
of 8 feet of water at medium tide at the
end of the pier and 18 feet at medium
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In addition there is one wooden pier
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one D.C. Electric Light Plant with
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whole property, telephone connected to
the Kowloon exchange and buildings
covering a total of about 20,825 square
feet including one European style house,
6 Chinese style houses, offices, look-up
store house, sheds etc., etc., almost all
of which are practically new.

The whole of the land, buildings,
electric plant etc., etc., described above
are to be sold in one lot.

Particulars of the Crown Lease under
which the land is held may be seen at
the Office of the District Land Officer
South.

An outline plan of the property may
be seen at Messrs. Lammer's Office 14
whom application for further information
should be made.

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Hongkong, June 13, 1923.

on
THURSDAY, July 19, 1923,
commencing at 3 p.m.
at the old premises of the Hongkong
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Two (2) 550 H. P. Diesel Genera-
tors Complete with alternators & exciters
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tors Complete with alternators & exciters
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complete with exciters and switchboards
One (1) Babcock & Wilcox water tube
boiler complete with fittings and chain
grate stoker

One (1) Marine type boiler complete
with fittings
Two (2) 50 K. W. Alternators (without
exciters)
One (1) Main Switchboard consisting
of machine panels and feeder panels
One (1) Duplex Feed Pump
Three (3) Green & Froude type water
coolers
One (1) Lot of steel steam pipes and
valves
Two (2) Salzer pumps
Three (3) Albany Rotary pumps
Three (3) Fans for cooling towers and
Three (3) motors for same
One (1) Water tank
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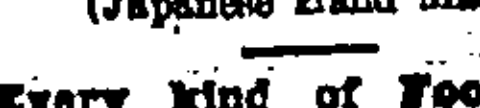
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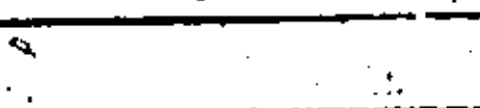
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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Father of 250.

Kabarega, an exiled Uganda
King, is returning home from the
Seychelles, to which he was ban-
ished. "Kabarega has existed on a
small annuity paid by the British
Government," says the *Observer*.
"His old country is now one at
peace with its neighbours, and part
of a promising British Colony. The
ex-King will probably be better
remembered by the fact that he
left behind him, twenty-five years
ago, a family of over 250 children.
The native ruler of Bunyoro to-day
is one of Kabarega's sons—some-
where about his fortieth."

88-Hours Dance.

Leading American ethnologists ex-
press alarm at the epidemic of
Marathon dancing ranging
throughout the country. Dr.
Arthur P. Boyes, chief psychiatric
expert of the Public Health Service
at Washington compares the
epidemic to so-called "tanzania"—a
dancing mania which reached the
proportions of a plague in London
in the 14th century when men and
women danced until they literally
fell in their tracks. A new record
has been established at Cleveland,
in Ohio, when Mr. Arthur Howard
Klein ceased after dancing 88
hours. Tanzania is a disease
characterised by melancholy and
stupor and a wild desire to dance;
it was believed to be due to the
bite of a tarantula spider.

Slavery Romance.

A glimpse of slave shows in the
Red Sea and the romance of
liberated slaves is given in an
official correspondence now issued
as a White Paper. Last July the
Acting Political Resident at Aden
informed the British Consul at
Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, that
H.M.S. "Comflower" had captured
a dhow near the Hedjaz coast
containing slaves who were
brought to Aden. They were
found to be from the in-
terior of Abyssinia, and were
repatriated. The matter was
brought to the notice of the
Abyssinian Government, which
expressed its willingness to allow
these liberated slaves to live in
safety wherever they chose. Ras
Tafari, heir to the Abyssinian
throne, added: "As we were very
desirous of finding out to catch and
punish these slave raiders, we have
to inform you to send us the copy
containing the conversation of
these liberated slaves, if they have
been examined, whether they knew
the persons and places wherefrom
they have been raided."

£2,000,000 Retort.

Mr. George J. Gould, eldest son
of the late Mr. Jay Gould, the rail-
way magnate, has hit upon a neat
retort to his brothers and sisters,
who are suing him for an account-
ing of their father's estate, which
they charge he, as trustee, has
grossly misadministered. Mr.
George Gould asks the court to
require Mr. Frank Gould, one of
the plaintiffs, to return to the
estate £2,000,000, which he received
contrary to the provisions
of his father's will after his
marriage with Miss Edith Kelly
in 1910. His request is based upon
the "matrimonial clause" in his
father's will, which says that if,
after his death, any of his children
should marry without the consent
of the majority of the executors and
trustees, their share of the estate
shall be reduced by one half. He
asserts that Frank did not seek the
consent of the executors or trustees
when he married Miss Kelly, when
he divorced her, or when in
February last he married in Paris
Miss Florence Lanza, a former
American actress.

Convict Camp Horrors.

Florida's Legislative Committee
engaged in examining witnesses
on the death of Martin Talbert, of
North Dakota, a boy who died in a
convict lease camp, has been hor-
rified by the stories of terrible
floggings and other cruelties in-
flicted upon men most of whom are
guilty only of vagrancy. Talbert,
who was arrested for vagrancy and
leased to a lumber company, died
a few days after receiving a severe
lashing, when, according to fellow-
prisoners, he was delirious with
fever contracted in the swamps and
his feet were so swollen he was
unable to wear boots. The inquiry
was held at the request of the
Governor of North Dakota, and is
a result of the revelations, the
Florida Legislature has already
voted to end the system of legisla-
tive lease. Now it is expected
that the committee will recommend
that flogging be abolished. A
witness said Talbert received 119
lashes and was frightfully cut by
the sheet upon which he died lock-
ed. "As if bloody beef had been
laid upon it," Oversee Higgins
testified, who whipped Talbert
when he was indicted and charged
with murder.

Bismarck's Cigar.

Bismarck would have had some-
thing caustic to say about Lord
Leverhulme's views on smoking.
The German statesman inhaled
cigars on the chain system one
after the other all day long. Dur-
ing an important European Con-
gress at Vienna, where every
delegate appeared in Court dress,
and where some of the sittings
were very lengthy, such frivolity
as smoking was quite out of the
question. But Bismarck deter-
mined to change all this. He found
that without his cigar he could not
do business. One morning, there-
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Atlantic Veterans.

Mr. W. P. Willis, a United States
wool merchant, who arrived in
Liverpool in the White Star liner
"Celtic" from New York, completed
his 180th trip across the Atlantic
more than 540,000 miles in all.
Other veteran Atlantic travellers
are: Mr. J. H. Hargreaves, a wool
merchant and J. P. of Westmorland,
aged 76, 271 voyages. Sir Horace
Plunkett, the Irish agricultural re-
former, 200. Mr. W. A. Walker, a
Leeds cloth merchant, 165.

Boys Buried Alive.

Mob violence is reported from
Poona as a result of the rumoured
kidnapping of boys for burial alive
at the Mulshi Poth dam of the Tata
Hydro-Electric Company. The
boys were to be sacrificed to pro-
pitiating the local deity, which was
believed to have been incensed by
the construction of the dam. The
situation is now quiet. Last
January part of the dam in course
of construction collapsed, burying
many workmen. Twelve were dead
when dug out. It is evidently this
event which led to the belief that
the local deity was angry.

London Traffic Record.

All estimates of the traffic to the
Cup final were considerably
exceeded, says a statement issued
by the Traffic Committee. On the
Underground alone the bookings
were 133,530 in excess of a normal
Saturday. The motor-omnibus
passengers carried to Wembley
numbered 30,000. In addition,
14,000 passengers journeyed to the
Stadium by 325 privately hired
vehicles. By tube, omnibus, and
tramway a total of 6,000,000 pas-
sengers was dealt with in London
on a Saturday, which tops last year's
Cup final figures by 800,000.

Duke's Luxury Yacht.

The "Flying Cloud," the Duke of
Westminster's wonderful new
yacht, is being rapidly prepared at
Brightlingsea, Essex, for a long
cruise. A study of black and
white and gold, she is certainly
magnificent, says the *London Even-
ing News*. In the centre of the ship
are a dining-room, drawing-room,
and smoke-room. Aft are the state-
rooms for the duke and duchess,
and forward state-rooms for their
guests, all spacious, and beautiful-
ly appointed. The duke's room
has five windows and an electric
fireplace. The duchess's suite in-
cludes a boudoir, wardrobe, and
bath-room. In all there are seven
bath-rooms in the yacht.

A Tax on Bets.

The Betting Tax Committee
should bear two points in mind
when it meets, says the *Daily Mail*.
The inquiry is of vast mass of the
people; it should therefore be held
in public. As regards the actual
taxpayer, the inquiry may well
point to some means of relieving
his present burden; the Committee
therefore should not dally by the
way, but make their report as soon
as possible. Taxation of betting,
properly handled, should be a little
gold-mine for Chancellors of the
Exchequer, present and future. It
is really surprising, considering
the huge volume of betting trans-
actions and the fact that the bulk
of present taxation bears so heavily
on a small minority of the
nation, that such an obvious and
lucrative source of new revenue has
not been tapped long ago.

Romantic Governor.

Kenya's Governor is one of the
most romantic figures in Africa to-
day. Sir Robert Coryndon was
born in South Africa 32 years ago,
born in the Bethanaland Border
Police before he was twenty,
and after an adventurous period of
service took part in the occupation
of Mashanaland and rebellion
in the Matabelo war and rebellion.
Then he met Cecil Rhodes and be-
came one of his private secretaries,
holding the post all through the
Parliamentary inquiry into the
famous Jameson raid. In Septem-
ber of last year the Governorship
of Britain's newest Colony became
vacant, and Sir Robert Coryndon
was chosen to fill the post. He is
one of the finest big-game hunters
in a land of mighty hunters, and
his private collection of trophies of
the wild is probably unique. To
him also has fallen the rather un-
usual experience of having caught
a crocodile on a fish-hook, to be
shot by one of the Governor's
party.

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H. G. WELLS TRIED.

AUTHOR "ARRESTED" AND
SENTENCED."I arrest you in the name of the
Crown and Anghor."
It is some years since a writer of
the eminence of Mr. H. G. Wells
has had to submit to the good-
humoured foolery of a mock trial.
When a Leeds "detective," armed
with the symbol of swift justice—a
broom—tapped him on the shoulder
and flourished a warrant in front
of his eyes, Mr. Wells could see no
avenue of escape. He threw up
his hands despairingly and went
quietly.The blow came with cruel sud-
denness in the presence of hun-
dreds of students at the City of
Leeds Training College at Head-
ingley, whom he had been address-
ing on the subject of the teaching
of world history.You are charged," said the
judge's clerk (who wore a two foot
moustache), "with using an ex-
cessive number of dots with felonious
intent, and, with malice afore-
thought, in sundry works, and
in conversation, using an outline in
a work of art, styled The Outline of
English History."

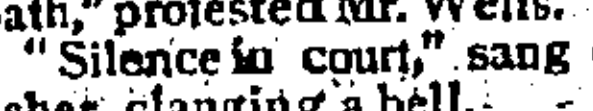
RED ROBES.

Art, of course, knows no outline,
but mock justice travelled so swiftly
on its course that Mr. Wells had
no opportunity to go into the
witness-box. He sat helpless in
the dock before an upturned table
between two stalwart policemen,
facing a jury of college students
in red carpets, and whose heads
were swathed in towels.That's not a jury. It's a Turkish
bath," protested Mr. Wells.Silence in court, sang out the
usher, clanging a bell.Counsel for the prosecution (Mr.
A. Dunning, wearing a wig of cot-
ton wool, explained that he was
briefed by the President of the
Domino Association.This dealer in dots," he said
summarily, "must be dispatched.
He is a peril to phonetics and
dominoes." Utopia must not have
the blemish of a single dot. The
world must be made safe for the
Domino Presidents of the future.Mr. Wells was mute. He had to
be.I claim that dots are a profes-
sional privilege," argued counsel
for the defence (Mr. H. Davey), "in
much the same manner as dots
are a pugilistic privilege to
Bombardier Wells. He who dots
first dots best."From the multitude of dots, I should say
the prisoner is in his dotage."

A CRUEL SENTENCE.

The bewitched jury found the
prisoner "guilty" with "a strong
recommendation to death." Ad-
dressing Mr. Wells, the judge passed
sentence:"You must either transcribe your
Outline of History from Morse to
Semaphore or work it out in cunei-
form writing without the assistance
of Moabit stone and Tel-el-amarna
tablets.""I'll do it on my head," said Mr.
Wells, kissing his hand to the
Court in farewell.

WORTH MUCH MORE.

"Ma," exclaimed Teddy, "Mrs.
Johnson said she would give me
a penny if I told her what you said
about her.""I never heard of such a thing!"
answered his mother indignantly.
"You're a good boy not to have
told. I wouldn't have her think I
even mentioned her! Here's an
apple for being such a sensible lad."I should think I am, ma! When
she showed me the penny I told
her that what you said was some-
thing awful and worth sixpence at
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ably surprised at the improvement in your
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through your veins, and you will say,
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friends will say to you, "How much better
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The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

RENTS LAW.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
DEBATE.

RECONSTRUCTION CRAZE.

Unofficial members had the opportunity at this afternoon meeting of the Legislative Council of airing their views in connection with the bill to amend the Rents Ordinance 1922 which was introduced and read a first time at the Council's last meeting.

There were present:—
His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.,
The Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., O.B.E.,
The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.,
Col. Bayly, C.M.G., D.S.O. (representing the G.O.C.),
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E.,
The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving,
The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson,
The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer,
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

HON. MR. POLLOCK'S
SPEECH.

After the second reading of the bill to amend the Rents Ordinance 1922 had been moved by the Attorney-General and seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Pollock reminded the Council that the main objects of the Government had in view in introducing the Rents Ordinance 1921 were to keep a roof over the heads of the present occupants and to protect them from excessive exploitation.

Quoting Hansard extracts of the speeches made by the Attorney-General in connection with the 1921 Bill, the Hon. Mr. Pollock said these clearly indicated that it was the intention of the Government to protect the existing occupants in their then holdings without exception so long as they paid the standard rent. Unfortunately, however, clause 4 (f) slipped into the bill though it did not apparently cause much trouble for some time. Events on the mainland, coupled with a glut of rather easy money and wild land speculation had caused the present state of affairs. Thousands of people perfectly willing to pay the standard rent had been evicted or were threatened with eviction without any fault of their own and even in cases where fresh premises were available they were compelled in practically all cases to pay a higher rate than they had been paying hitherto. There could be no doubt that the present craze for reconstruction had hit people of all races in the Colony and in the near future, unless serious steps were taken it would seriously hit a number of British residents in the Kowloon peninsula because it was common knowledge that several properties in the central part of Kowloon had changed hands at very high prices. Mr. Pollock proceeded to quote a number of instances to show how various classes of the community were affected by this evil. He also cited the case of the Portuguese tenants of Belifios Terrace.

CHINESE VIEWPOINTS.

The Hon. Mr. Kotelaw said:—During the last fortnight my Chinese colleague and I have received numerous communications from Chinese property owners and tenants in regard to the working of the Rents Ordinance, the former complaining that the measure has wrought hardship on a large number of good landlords, the latter urging more stringent provisions for their protection. I need not trouble the Council by repeating what these people call each other. As regards the suggestions received, we have brought to the notice of the Government through the Honorable Secretary for Chinese Affairs, such of them as appeared to be worthy of consideration; and I have also seen the Honorable Attorney-General about one or two points having a legal aspect. The Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, and I have given all these suggestions our careful consideration; and if we are not advocating more amendments than the two mentioned by the Honorable Secretary, it is because we realize that the Ordinance is a purely temporary measure, at which it would be undesirable to tinker more than is absolutely necessary.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

We strongly support the proposed amendment for giving power to a Committee, to be appointed by the Governor in

COMPANY MEETING.
LAND INVESTMENT CO.
LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. for the purpose of confirming the extraordinary resolutions passed on May 26 concerning the division of shares and increase of capital necessitated by the amalgamation with the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were present: Father Robert and Messrs. A. H. Compton and A. S. Gubbay (Directors), L. S. Greenhill (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. E. Sadick, H. A. Rodgers, G. W. Barton, A. B. Stewart, C. O. Cavalho, A. A. Guterres, A. A. Alves, J. T. Bagrum and Leo Ping-keen.

Both resolutions were proposed by the Chairman and carried unanimously, the first being seconded by Mr. G. W. Barton and the second by Mr. A. B. Stewart.

BATTLESHIP'S FATE.

The battleship "Orion" passed to her last berth at Messrs. Cox & Danks's wharf at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey.

She led the line at the proudest moment in British naval history when the Grand Fleet gleamed past the "Queen Elizabeth," and "beered Beatty" just after the German High Seas Fleet had been safely shepherded into captivity. She went to her doom without so much as the click of a camera to record her passing.

Herded along by fussy little tugs, the once formidable "Orion" moved like a pitiful broken thing towards the place where she is to be given apart.

For long the busy City man will be scraping his chin with a silver of steel from "Orion's" belt and merry couples will be jangling over dance floors made from the planking which was daily trodden by the feet of weary fighting men during the four years of war.

Felix, was carried away in triumph through the streets to Hove Park, where the Technical College team was playing in the final of the Brighton Junior League Cup.

Felix, as most people know, is a black cat, and he was stolen for luck and paraded round the ground in great style.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the joke, including the commissioners, after he had recovered from the surprise of the onslaught.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN.
WATER-FAMINE NOW OVER.

There was great jubilation in the office of the Water Authority this morning when news was received that as a result of the rainfall between 6 a.m. yesterday and 6 a.m. this morning the figures for water storage had once again touched the 5-million gallons mark.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 4.04 inches. The total since January 1st is 22.30 inches against an average of 30.45 inches, according to the Royal Observatory returns.

To bring the figures up to normal by the end of June a rainfall of 25.02 inches is needed. Up to 10 a.m. to-day, approximately 8.02 inches have fallen, so that 17 in. are needed before June 30. With the rain that has fallen since 10 o'clock this morning, the chances are distinctly rosy of the deficit being made up.

SILENT DEATH.

CATAPULT TO KILL ENGLISHMAN.

The trial by a military court of 15 Egyptians charged with conspiracy to murder a number of Englishmen was resumed in Cairo. One of the accused admitted that he invented a catapult, to hurl a steel arrow with a poisoned tip, to be used at night, which eliminated the risk of detection by the sound of shots.

The prosecutor related a gruesome story of the servant of a prominent Englishman who warned his master of his danger. The gang entertained the servant to a meal and invited him to walk in the Mokattam hills with them. There they brained him with a crowbar.

A witness deposed that two of the gang in 1919 told him that they were employed by the Zaglulists (extreme Nationalist) Executive to organize demonstrations.

MARKET VALUE.

The report of the Tariff Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce presented to the Council meeting contained the following:

From time to time this chamber has been asked by a number of its members to interpret the term "market value." In the absence of a uniform interpretation, the committee recommended that the Customs Conference of the League of Nations should consider the practicability of each country, where Customs duties are levied on an *ad valorem* basis, framing a valuation tariff for its imports, in order to ensure the equitable assessment of the Customs duties as between one importer and another. Alternatively, the committee suggested that the conference should consider the possibility of all countries accepting as "market value" the value of the goods at works.

The committee suggested that the conference should arrange that steps should be taken to complete a classified list of the commodities of commerce for use by all countries in the framing of their Customs tariff. The committee suggested that in respect of goods delivered in a foreign country where the national refuse delivery for some reason or other, the Government concerned should allow a rebate in order that the goods may be re-exported.

RED HAIR.

WOMAN WHO WANTED ASHY-BLONDE.

At Sheffield Mrs. Mary Fenn, 470, Ecclesall-road, claimed damages from Messrs. John Walsh, Limited, High-street, Sheffield, for injury to her hair.

It was stated that her hair being dull after an illness, Mrs. Fenn went to Messrs. Walsh's for a treatment known as "brightening." Later she asked to have her hair restored to its original colour. Dye was applied, but instead of turning but ashy-blond, the colour required, it appeared almost a brilliant red. On another application her hair became an even more objectionable red.

Mrs. Fenn sought advice in London and found it necessary to have her hair cut and to obtain a transformation which she could wear until her hair grew again.

Messrs. Walsh's representative declared he never undertook to get Mrs. Fenn's hair down to ashy-blond. Progress was being made, the statement when Mrs. Fenn made her visit to London.

Judge Lias held that Mrs. Fenn was entitled in the circumstances to go to London for advice and assessed damages at the cost of her two journeys to town—£5 15s. 6d.

CYPRUS. CATACOMB.

SIXTY MARBLE COFFINS FOUND.

A catacomb has been discovered in a field at Siliams, 7 miles from Parnassos, Cyprus, by a Government archaeologist, who says that it belongs to the period of the last Ptolemy (presumably Ptolemy XI, 80-79 B.C.).

A Daily Mail man went into the catacomb with the archaeologist. It is 8 feet high, 25 wide, and 90 deep, and shows that it has been visited previously. All the coffins were opened and the valuables stolen.

The catacomb consists of four chambers. The first is small and contains a marble sarcophagus beautifully sculptured and five oxen coffins. Some contain bones, others earth and remains. The second contains 20 ceramic coffins. A third, smaller chamber contains more large ceramic coffins and one stone one, small, in good preservation. The fourth chamber is larger than the others and contains coffins too. Altogether about 60 coffins were found.

On stone shelves are many earthenware jars and also small ceramic receptacles, presumably for oil, and showing the impressions of gods' and goddesses' incense burners.

A marble tablet, found broken in pieces, showed when joined Greek characters which read a severe curse upon anyone breaking into the catacomb.

The Government proposes to remove the sarcophagi and make a thorough search.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10 cents
Half hour..... 25 cents
One hour..... 50 cents
Every subsequent hour..... 50 cents

For 10 minutes..... 15 cents
For 20 minutes..... 30 cents
For 30 minutes..... 45 cents
For 40 minutes..... 60 cents
For 50 minutes..... 75 cents
For 60 minutes..... 90 cents
For 70 minutes..... 1.05
For 80 minutes..... 1.20
For 90 minutes..... 1.35
For 100 minutes..... 1.50

For 110 minutes..... 1.65
For 120 minutes..... 1.80
For 130 minutes..... 1.95
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July 4.—A. O. L. Frs. Jackson, Tyndarosa, Yokohama Maru, Frs. Jefferson, Trieste, Kaga Maru, Frs. McKinley, Achilles, Iyo Maru, Frs. Freilhaus, Achilles, Philoctetes.

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July 10.—A. O. L. Frs. Jackson, Tyndarosa, Yokohama Maru, Frs. Jefferson, Trieste, Kaga Maru, Frs. McKinley, Achilles, Iyo Maru, Frs. Freilhaus, Achilles, Philoctetes.

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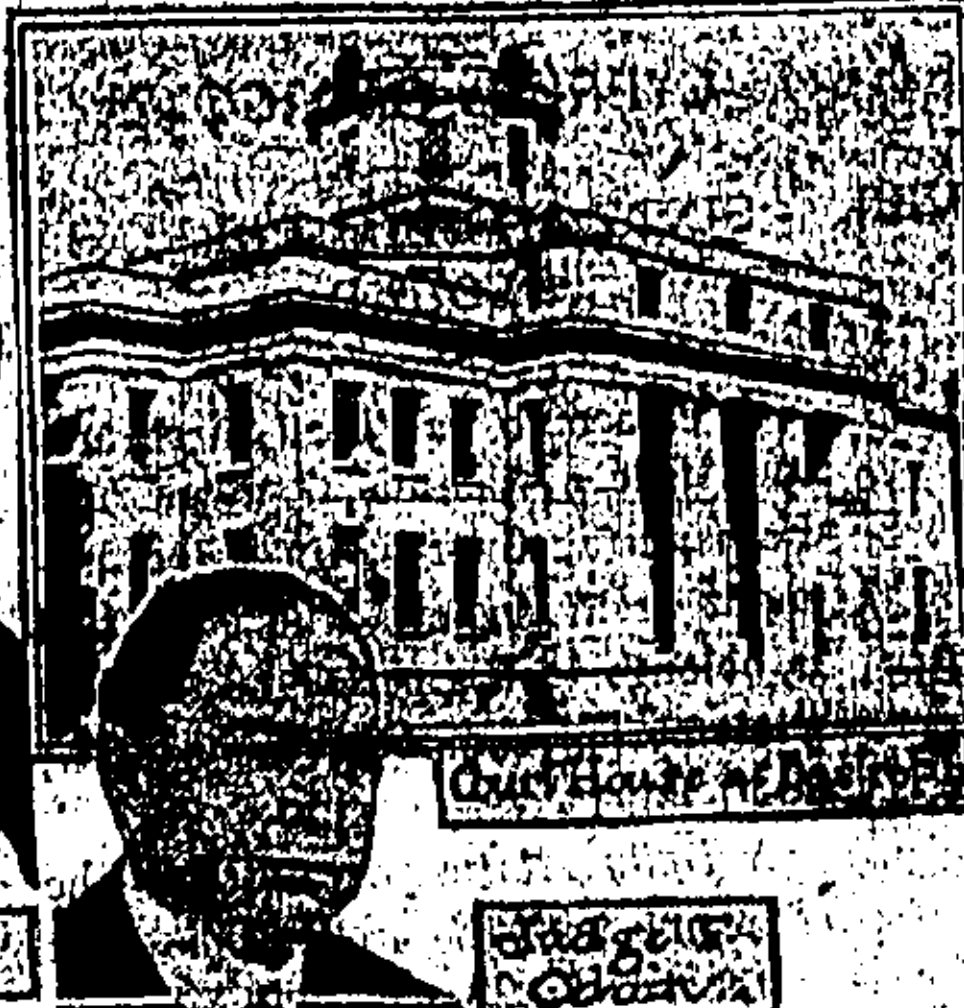
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Miss Ida Foss, a teacher, was one of the winners of the fish-trapping locations in the Government's recent drawing. The location is valued at \$50,000. More than 3,000 drew for the nine locations given in the great-salmon stream.



Babe Ruth says he's going to break his own home-run record, and he started in the first game of the Yankees against the Boston Red Sox by slamming out a homer to the cheers of the greatest throng that has ever witnessed a baseball game.



Although unable to prosecute members of the Ku Klux Klan on the charge of murdering two men whose mutilated bodies were found in a lake, the State is proceeding against them for alleged conspiracy to murder, assault with deadly weapons, carrying firearms and conspiracy to compel persons to leave their homes. Eighteen informations have been filed, and the men will be tried before Judge Fred M. Odom. Among those accused are McKoin and Captain J. K. Skipworth.



Warren McConihe, has been named defendant in a \$50,000 alienation of affections suit, filed by Julio Gabriel de Forzavoy Jarrin, wealthy Cuban planter and investor, because of his frequent visits. The Cuban alleges McConihe has come between him and his beautiful wife. Mrs. Jarrin at present is in Paris and her husband in Havana. McConihe alleges the suit was filed because he had won a judgment for \$50,000 against Jarrin for money he had lent him.



Jacob Lewis, apprentice boy in the stables of Captain S. H. Barling, at Newmarket, is the only Jewish jockey in England. He is riding with much success.



Dance marathons seem to have America by the ears, but it remained for a Mrs. Edwards, of London, to devise the unique marathon. In response to a challenge from her, five mothers, with live babies in their perambulators engaged in a walking contest from London to Brighton, a distance of 52 miles. The race was opposed by physicians, who said incalculable harm might come to both mothers and babies, but the women made the tramp and seemed to suffer no evil effects. Mrs. Lilly Grees, the mother pushing perambulator No. 5, won the race in 12 hours and 20 minutes.



Fifteen years ago Miss Emily McCoy learned trained nursing, so as to care for her native people on Pitcairn Island, a lonely little land in the South Seas, where there is no physician. Her father is Chief of the island. She has heard from him once in six years. For the last few years she has been making every endeavour to return home, but vessels touch at the island years apart, and the British Government, which sends warships there once a year, will not permit her to go home on board a war vessel.



The largest crowd that ever witnessed a baseball game packed the new stadium in New York to witness the opening game of the season between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Just 74,200 persons managed to get in before the gates were closed.



Mrs. Gertrude L. Gilmour, in order to obtain a legacy of \$187,000 from the estate of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Linderman, has handed a written apology to her brother, B. A. Linderman, President of the Linderman Steel & Machine Company. The bequest was made upon condition that the sister make amends for what the mother thought was a wrong to her son.



Recently elected President of the Japanese House of Peers, one of the highest posts in the Japanese Imperial Government.

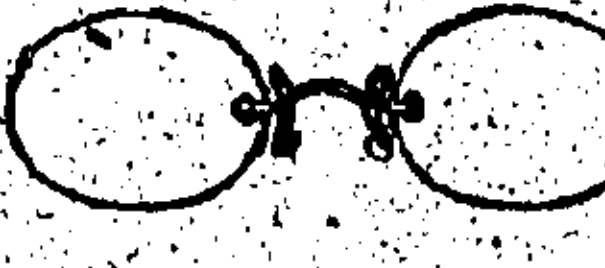
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INDOCHINA'S TRYING YEAR.

STAFF ECONOMIES HINTED AT.

"Low freights, combined with the continued high cost of operating the fleet," were blamed by the Chairman for the heavy loss shown in the accounts presented to the shareholders of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. at their 42nd. ordinary general meeting held at noon today.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present: Messrs. A. O. Lang, G. W. Barton and J. Scott Harston (Directors), R. Sutherland (Manager) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. M. da Silva, S. E. da Luz, W. B. Cornaby, P. Tod, J. Baptista, Ho Leung, N. L. H. Railton, A. R. Lowe, John Fleming, A. Piercy, A. B. Stewart, E. B. C. Hornell and A. Murdoch.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission I will as customary take them as read. It will be remembered that at the last two general meetings the Chairman commented upon the unsatisfactory prospects of the Company, unless there came a revival of trade. Unfortunately this did not eventuate, and low freights combined with the continued high cost of operating the fleet have primarily accounted for the heavy loss shown in the accounts. With regard to trade generally, the year under review was even worse than 1921, so far as world wide shipping was concerned, and the scanty and unprofitable employment offering in home waters induced a considerable number of tramp steamers to try their luck in the Far East, thereby causing a further surplus of tonnage in an already overstocked market. Depression in the Japanese coastal trade also encouraged vessels usually employed there, to go further afield and compete strongly for southern rice business and also general charter voyages on the China Coast in which rates throughout the year, both North and South, ruled at unremunerative figures. As regards the rice crops, that of Saigon district was estimated to be about 20 per cent. below the average. The bulk of it was shipped to Europe as Kwongtung rice, was fairly plentiful; this fact also accounted for reduced imports from Bangkok where the crop was unsatisfactory.

CHINA'S TROUBLES.

Year after year the hope has been expressed that China would soon be able to settle her complicated political problems, and embark upon a period of undisturbed prosperity. It is a bitter disappointment, therefore to have to report that during 1922 and subsequently, lawlessness and disorder have been greatly on the increase. The recent outrage on the Tientsin Peking Railway, and the piracy of the "Sui An" between Hongkong and Macao are fresh in your memory. In addition to these incidents, which obtained prominence through the number of foreigners involved, numerous other piracies have been perpetrated on Chinese owned vessels in the South of China. Trade on the Upper Yangtze has also been seriously interfered with by hostilities between various military factions. The conditions which have prevailed and still prevail in the Canton Delta are lamentable, and the Chinese Authorities are unable to protect trade routes on either land or water.

LABOUR UNREST.

Labour organisations were much in evidence during the year, and the Seamen's strike, carried on principally by intimidation, caused a lay up of some 22 steamers of the Company for a period of two months. This of

course was another factor in our loss. Subsidiary strikes followed the main demonstration, and increased terms of remuneration had to be conceded to launchmen, cargo boat coolies, coal workers and other branches of labour, thereby further increasing working costs. Serious strikes in Calcutta also accounted for long delays to the Company's vessels.

MEETING COMPETITION.

In regard to the general employment of the fleet, it is perhaps necessary for me to state that the conditions of shipping business in the Far East have undergone a considerable change during recent years, particularly in trades which were at one time conducted almost entirely on a trip charter basis. The growing tendency for native merchants interested in rice and other trades to operate their own steamers and this has led to a large increase in Chinese-owned tonnage, which, when not operating for the purpose for which it was especially acquired, is free to compete for any outside employment offering on the market, further, being able to run free of onerous overhead charges such as have to be borne by British shipping Companies, such vessels prove to be competitors with which it is difficult and often expensive to deal. There has also been a marked increase in the development of certain Shipping Companies under foreign flags enjoying considerable subsidies which have assisted them to develop regular lines where charter tonnage originally operated. In view of these changes, it has been considered necessary for our Company to adopt a policy of maintaining and increasing regular sailings between pivotal ports where we have established connections, and where, given normal conditions of trade, promise of continual and steady earnings is apparent.

AN AGREED POLICY.

It was in the protection of such lines that, in the year under review, considerable financial sacrifices had to be made. At the last meeting, shareholders were informed that serious encroachment was threatened on some of our most important routes and, as the year advanced competition became more keen until in some cases cargo had to be carried at merely nominal rates. The Company has passed through an extremely difficult year, but our policy has been to give our old established supporters the same terms as offered by our subsidised competitors, and I am glad to say as a result of an agreed policy between the old established friendly Companies some of our competitors have already withdrawn others have come to terms and there are signs that a better condition of affairs all round may reasonably be expected.

ECONOMIES FORESHADOWED.

One cannot be surprised that after the vicissitudes of the war years, shipping, like many other industries should go through a period of adjustment, and that in some cases a scramble takes place for participation in established trades, whether there is room or not. Experience leads us to think however, that so long as the original operators meet competition, as may become necessary, and give fair treatment to supporters, they, in the long run will enjoy the fruits of past enterprise. On the important question of future prospects, while there are undoubtedly hopeful signs of better times for the Company in some directions, I feel compelled to emphasize what was stated at our meeting last year with regard to working costs. Much has been said at times on the question of wages, which is perhaps the heavy

est item of expenditure the Company has to bear, and I must say now, that while every avenue leading to more economical working has been, and will be, further explored, unless trade conditions improve, we must consider a reduction in staff, a concession in the cost of repairs, and a reduction in the cost of scales paid during war years, and those immediately following, when they were justified by economic conditions. Although such a step will be reluctantly taken, abnormal shipping depression in all other parts of the world has necessitated a lower scale of wages and conditions of trade in the East may call for similar action.

New Steamer.

It will be noted from the report in your hands that the following steamers contracted for as explained at the last meeting have been delivered and put into commission, the "Kutsang" and "Hosang" on the Calcutta line where they have been found in every respect suitable for the service for which they were specially designed. The "Tingsang" and "Fausang" have proved most useful coasters and also fulfil admirably the requirements of the Shanghai Tientsin run. The Yangtze river trades have been supplemented by the steamer "Kungwo" and "Pingwo" on the lower Yangtze and the "Fuhwo" on the Ichang Chungking Line. The first two mentioned have been found all that is desired, but considerable engine defects developed during the first season of the "Fuhwo's" employment, the responsibility for which is still being discussed with builders. Certain alterations have been carried out and this steamer is now giving satisfaction. As regards further building, the Company has placed an order with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for two ships of a similar type to replace vessels which can no longer be run economically in one of our main trades. Since the close of the year we have also contracted for a steamer to replace the "Koonshing" to which vessel I will make later reference.

MANY CASUALTIES.

The year 1922 will be remembered as one during which an unprecedented number of shipping casualties occurred on the China Coast, and this Company unfortunately suffered in common with others. During the typhoon of 2nd August, which created such havoc at Swatow, and caused a deplorable loss of life, the "Choyang" and "Tungshing" were both driven ashore, the former North of Swatow, and the latter actually in the Harbour. Although immediate steps were taken to give all possible assistance, the former vessel became a total loss. The latter was eventually salvaged by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. after some four months' work. Another regrettable casualty was the stranding and subsequent total loss of the "Koonshing," a very popular steamer on the Shanghai Tientsin Line. This took place on the 31st October, outside Weihaiwei Harbour. In no instance was any casualty accompanied by loss of life, and I take this opportunity of recording the Company's appreciation of the fine work performed by the Officers and men of H. M. S. "Despatch" in rescuing the passengers and crew of the "Koonshing" during weather conditions, which called for strenuous effort and entailed great personal risk.

While not coming within the year under review, you are no doubt all cognizant of the stranding of the "Kumsang" on Northern Luzon which took place on the May 9. There were some 400 deck passengers on board all of whom I am pleased to say were safely landed and conveyed to Manila to which port the vessel was bound. The Captain, Officers and Engineers remained on the ship which was salvaged and towed to this port, where repairs are under consideration. The "Choyang" and "Koonshing" were fully covered by insurance and the resulting claims on underwriters have been duly paid. In the case of the "Tungshing" and "Kumsang" the Company will recover salvage charges while the cost of repairs will be chargeable to Underwriting Account.

REPAIRS COSTLY.

The usual standard of upkeep has been maintained throughout the fleet during the year, but very slight reduction in the cost of repairs is noticeable although continual efforts are made to effect economies in this direction. While it is recognised that the cost of native labour has substantially increased, we hope the Dock Companies, Engineering firms, and similar concerns will be as reasonable as possible in their charges, especially during the hard times shipowners are passing through. I have referred to the unfortunate disaster at Swatow, caused by the typhoon last August, and it is necessary for me to mention that in response to an appeal for funds to aid the sufferers this Company donated the sum of \$2,000, which I trust has your approval.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning to the Statement of Accounts, it will be noted that the sum of £410,000 has been transferred from Contingency account to revenue account, to which latter account has also been credited £5,000 from equalization of dividend account and £10,000 from investment fluctuation reserve leaving the balance of the last mentioned at £9,018. 15. 0. The increase shown in investment fluctuation reserve is due to increased value of investments on 31st December 1922. During the year securities have been disposed of chiefly to meet the cost of new tonnage. These sales resulted in a profit on book value of £4,497. 2. 1. as shown in revenue account.

Underwriting account shows an increase of £45,817. 18. 0. as compared with the previous year. This addition is largely due to crediting the account in question with P/A insurance premia as explained in previous years.

Floating staff pension fund is increased by £2,230. 6. 6.

Building reserve account. Balance of this account is £19,516. 14. 7. after taking credit for amounts received from Underwriters in respect of s.s. "Choyang" and "Koonshing" and utilising £200,000 to reduce the book value of the fleet. This will enable the Company to reduce the amount which must annually be written off on account of depreciation.

Exchange fluctuation account shows a decrease of £11,398. 11. 8. being loss in exchange on dollar assets and liabilities due to the difference in the rate on 31st December 1921 and 1922.

I do not think there is anything more in the Accounts to be commented upon, but before proposing their adoption I wish to express the Company's thanks for, and appreciation of the good service of the staff throughout the year, both aloft and on shore, and their willing and valuable assistance in dealing with the difficult situations which in the course of the Company's operation develop from time to time.

I have now to propose the following resolution:—That the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted and that a dividend of 6 per share on the Cumulative preferred ordinary shares be paid, also that the amount of £2,167. 6. 7. be carried forward to next year. The dividend on the shares on the Hongkong Register to be paid at exchange 2/4.

As soon as this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the

best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded the resolution and it was carried unanimously.

Sir Robert Ho-tung was re-elected Director on the motion of Mr. A. Piercy seconded by Mr. Ho Leung and Messrs. A. R. Lowe and John Fleming were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. A. Murdoch seconded by Mr. S. B. C. Hornell.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General at 10:30 a.m. today:—

Typhoon in about 180 deg. long, E. 8 deg. lat. N. moving West.

LAND SLIDES.

Two land slides occurred in that part of Stubbs Road between Bowen Road and the Peak Hotel to-day and this thoroughfare is now closed temporarily. There were no accidents.

The consignment of silk, shipped from here by the C.P.S. "Empress of Asia" on May 17, reached New York on June 9, having been 23 days in transit.

The engagement is announced of Mr. John Stephen Blanford, D. F.C., to Maude, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nathan, of Tientsin.

A NEW USE.

In a small town lived a butcher who was famed for selling tough meat. A countryman went in one day to purchase some. "Certainly," said the butcher; "is it for frying or boiling you want it?" "Neither," replied the customer. "It's to make hinges for the stable door."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

DURING the temporary absence from the Colony of our Managing Director Mr. Wei Wing Sam, Mr. Sydney Ng Qulan is hereby appointed to act in his stead, and in the event of Mr. Qulan's absence from office at any time, Messrs. Tsan Pak-woon and Joseph Charles Tam are authorized to sign jointly for procurement for the firm until further notice.

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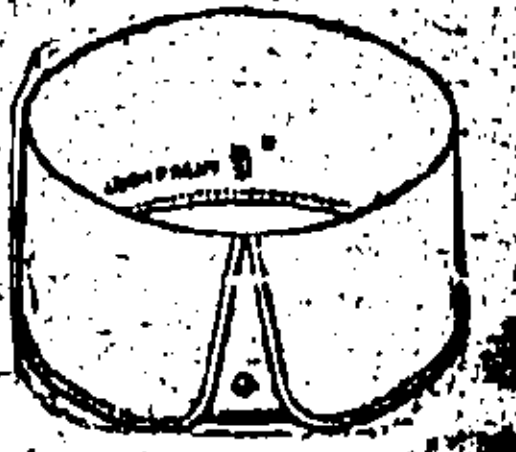
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5 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at
about 8 p.m.The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singa-
pore for this port on Monday June 11 at
8 a.m. and is due here to-morrow at
about 1 a.m.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Sado Maru" (Bon-
bay Line) left Bombay for Hongkong via
ports en May 30 and is expected here to-
morrow.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Delagoa Maru"
(Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hong-
kong on June 9 and is expected here to-
morrow.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yokohama Maru"
(American Line) left Shanghai for Hong-
kong on June 13 and is expected here on
June 16.The P. & O. s.s. "Jeypore" left Singa-
pore for this port on Wednesday June 13
at 10 a.m. and is due here on Saturday
June 16 at about 3 p.m.The B. L. s.s. "Bendora" from Mid-
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SWEEP-DISPUTE.**MR. HALL BRUTTON GIVES EVIDENCE.**

A further stage was reached last night at the Chinese Club in the arbitration proceedings to settle who is the rightful owner of ticket No. 3066, which drew the winner of the Hongkong Derby in the Chinese Club Sweep. The two claimants are Mr. Chik Sooi-sing of Shanghai, and Mrs. Violet Chan, of Hongkong, who are represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. E. J. Zeily, respectively.

Mrs. Chan continued her evidence last evening. In reply to questions by Mr. Zeily, witness said that when she bought ticket No. 3066 at the Christmas Eve party she placed it in a drawer. She last saw the ticket a week before they moved from No. 5, Arbuthnot Road, to No. 9, Robinson Road. She did not give the ticket to anyone. On March 1st (the day the Derby was run) when they were informed that the ticket had won a first prize, she discovered it had been lost. Mrs. Chan's memory of the occasion went to get her ticket (bought at the same time) and as she could not find it, English she showed it to Mrs. Li, another daughter. Mrs. Li became "frightfully excited," saying "why you are just one number above." Mr. Ng Qian then said "Vi (Mrs. Chan) you bought your ticket before mine, you must have won." Witness then went to look for the ticket but could not find it.

Witness went on to say that it was on her instructions that the telegram was sent to her brother (Mr. Sid E. Qian) at Shanghai by Mr. Heary Wei asking him to return "immediately."

Mrs. Chan, under cross-examination was asked by Mr. Alabaster: I put it to you that you are mistaken in your belief that you bought ticket 3066?

Mrs. Chan: "Oh! really."

Mr. Zeily: "Oh, answer Mr. Alabaster please."

Mrs. Chan said she was certain she was not mistaken.

Mrs. Chan's mother, Mrs. Violet Chan and Mr. Sid E. Qian, told the Court the story of the ticket by Mrs. Chan at a Christmas Eve party.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton gave evidence later. He described the incidents in Mrs. Chan's house after the motor boat picnic the day before Christmas. He stated that he saw no tickets sold except his own. He asked who had ticket No. 3066, and Mrs. Chan replied that she had, and showed it to him. On the day of the race Mrs. Chan rang him up and said she had bought the winning ticket, but had since lost it. He told her that it would be all right when her brother came back.

Before the proceedings concluded for the night Mr. Zeily announced that he had nearly finished his case. The only witnesses he had to call were Mrs. Li, Dr. Wu, and a gentleman from Shanghai. The latter would not be able to reach Hongkong till next Monday, and Mr. Zeily suggested that the proceedings be adjourned till then. He believed he would be able to complete his case on Monday.

The suggestion was adopted, and the arbitration adjourned till Monday.

THE STAR.**"GOD'S COUNTRY AND THE WOMAN."**

There have been many stories of fighting men, of love and hate and of villainy, but perhaps none of these has held the multitude of passions and deep-rooted thrill which are offered in "God's Country and the Woman," which is the attraction of the Star, Kowloon, until the end of the week. It is a Vitaphone production, in which that manly and virile actor, William Duncan, is featured. "The scene of the plot is in the wilds of the great Northland. Over frozen trails and vast stretches of ice and snow, the spectator is led through one adventure and then to the next. Mr. Duncan has been given the command of a wholly adequate cast, that in finish and quality of production does not fall in the slightest degree.

REVOLVER TRAGEDY.**CORONER'S COMMENTS.****DECEASED "GROSSLY CARELESS."**

An inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Police Lance-Sergeant Cole, who met his death on the Kennedy Road range on Friday afternoon, was held by Mr. J. R. Wood, sitting as Coroner yesterday afternoon, together with a jury composed of Messrs. W. J. Mockett (foreman), E. L. de Rozario and M. H. Abbas.

The first witness called was Lance-Sergeant Askew who stated that he arrived at the range at about 2 p.m. on June 8 for revolver practice. Deceased and a range of police were the only other people present. Witness, who wore civilian clothes, took off his coat and laid his revolver on the ground. He drew out a revolver from his holster and handed it to deceased. While he was doing this, Sergeant Cole opened the chamber of the revolver and did not use the ejector; without looking to see how many bullets were extracted he put the rounds on witness's cap and handed him back the revolver.

Sergeant Askew then told the Court how he was directed to aim at Sergeant Cole's eye after which he later remarked that witness had the common habit of "pulling." Deceased then took the revolver from witness and showed him how to pull the trigger. This he did and on repeating the performance there was a crack and a flash; deceased was hit and fell to the ground with a bullet in his head. Witness sent for the ambulance but Sergeant Cole was dead in five minutes.

Replying to the Coroner witness said that between the time deceased opened the revolver and when he fired the shot, the chamber was not opened.

Dr. J. H. T. Smalley said the deceased died from a bullet wound in the skull. The bullet passed through the lid of the right eye, and went into the brain.

Sergeant E. Carpenter stated that he was the musketry instructor, and deceased was his assistant. In telling Sergeant Askew to aim at his right eye, Sergeant Cole was following out instructions for training men with the revolver.

Sergeant-Major Greig, armory sergeant of the King's Regiment, explained the mechanism of the revolver to the Court. He stated that both the revolver and the bullets were in perfect condition and if deceased had used the ejector instead of just shaking the bullets out, the accident could not have happened.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner expressed the opinion that death was accidental. There was obviously negligence involved but it was that of deceased alone. He thought deceased had been "grossly careless." Sergeant Askew had given his evidence fairly and with frankness.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

"THE TURNING-POINT."**CHAMBERS' NOVEL AT THE CORONET.**

The screen adaptation of one of Robert W. Chambers' most gripping novels, "The Turning Point," is the attraction at the Coronet until Saturday. The picture is the more interesting to followers of the screen, because the story is similar to the life history of the actress who takes the leading part, Katharine MacDonald. Miss MacDonald commenced her career right at the bottom of the ladder. As a young woman she was left with the responsibility of providing for a large family on a small income. Her remarkable beauty and talent soon won a position for her, however, and now, in addition to being one of the biggest favourites of the screen, she has been many times adjudged the most beautiful woman in the world. "The Turning Point" is a first National production, and a clever combination of drama, romance and humour go to make it a picture of exceptional interest.

COMMERCIAL.**HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.****HIGH PRICES OF BRICKS.**

Bricks, a most necessary commodity especially in view of the extensive building operations being carried out are very scarce in the Colony at present. Whatever small lots are available fetch hitherto undreamt of prices. Most important of all, brick dealers predict that the state of things will continue for some time.

The Colony does not manufacture bricks in any appreciable quantity to have any effect on the market. The ordinary red building brick is imported. So too is the polished brick used for "facing" work. Large quantities used to come in from the East River district where a thriving industry is carried on. The ordinary red brick was formerly sold at about \$80-\$100 per 10,000 and is now quoted at about \$180. The polished brick previously cost about \$250 per 10,000 but dealers are refusing to make contracts at less than \$400. This has been chiefly brought about by the numerous levies exacted by the internal and military authorities. At the district where the bricks are made the magistrate usually makes a charge for "protection." In an earlier stage certain sums have to be paid to quarry the raw material. The finished article, as it passes along the river, has to undergo "safe conduct levies" both from soldier and robber bands. It is also stated that an "export tax" is collected at the port of shipment. The increasing cost of labour has added to the price but this item has only made a small difference.

The "polished" brick which is from practically the same material as the building brick, the extra labour costs about one cent a piece. Dealers, on the whole, are willing to pay the high prices, but at present imports have practically stopped on account of the fighting in the brick producing districts. Until peace is restored there seems little prospect of the trade being revived.

There is also another kind of brick imported into the Colony. This is generally known as the "facing" brick which comes from Amoy. Political conditions there are not much better and dealers have to undergo the same hardships with the result that business has been greatly curtailed. Investigations as to the brick works at Castle Peak Bay have elicited statements from people in the building business that there is every chance of a profitable "industry" being developed. With the saving of taxes, or whatever the levies may be called, it is confidently expected that the local article will be able to compete with the imported. During the last few days quite a number of people have been making their way to the place to carry out investigations and the majority of them have come back with satisfactory reports. As one Chinese druggistman aptly put it, there will be money in the factory as long as the building boom lasts but several Chinese have felt uneasy as to what policy will be adopted by the Government in regard to the housing shortage. If definite plans are announced it is felt that intending purchasers will feel more at ease.

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CORRESPONDENCE.**"CONDUCTING" MANAGED PRISONERS.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir, I fully concur with your remarks in your columns last evening that a stop must be a definite proposition of the marching of suspected persons to the Central station from a long route.

I have on many occasions been a witness to this usual scene and I must say that even though a man is in the hands of the Police, he is not a guilty person until he has figured himself in the Courts and until a sentence has been pronounced upon him. Even whatever crimes he should be given every available protection and certainly it is not fair to see persons in manacles being marched to the station in the thickest of rain. It is true that the Chinese detectives accompanying them also get drenched through, but for their want of promotion they have not the thought that they are wet and very easily they change when they get back to their quarters. It is the prisoners who are the sufferers and they might get "cold through" while being kept in the cell awaiting their appearance before the Court.

It is better and fairer if the Police motor van be used to convey prisoners in future instances.

Leaving this to the attention of the Chief.

Yours etc.

ONLOOKER.

Hongkong, June 13.

HIGH PRICES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—Your exceedingly interesting Commercial Notes insist on the fact which must be a fact for it is not been denied—that the evils made on goods coming from inland to Hongkong react on the buyer or consumer in the form of increased charges which he has to pay. You have suggested "drastic measures." The first preliminary to "drastic measures" is I presume representations to those who are in authority. Can you say if any representations have been made and if so what has been the result? Presumably the British Consul at Canton would make them but not unless he was asked to do so. Has our Chamber of Commerce moved at all? It probably would if the levies happened to be on Piece Goods, but being merely stuff for consumption, it is difficult to get sympathy. It is difficult to get sympathy to make ends meet these days and impositions of any kind are an abomination. A levy is a loathsome thing God wot!

Yours etc.

ANTIPON.

Hongkong, June 13.

THE PILGRIM.**CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN A NEW ROLE.**

Our readers will not need this notice to tell them that Charlie Chaplin is in Hongkong in his latest and let us say—best Screen Creation. The audiences at the World Theatre are overflowing—in more senses than one if the continuous laughter that rings through the place is anything to go by. The portrayal of an escaped convict in the guise of a parson is funny in the extreme. It is comedy in its highest sense. The achievement is pure artistry and makes us inclined to dub Chaplin the "Max Beerholm of the screen." This may sound high falutin, but it is well meant. It is more years ago than we care to remember, seeing Chaplin as a member of the Karno troupe of dumb show artists doing "The Night Birds." That was a screeching thing. Now Chaplin is where he is—in the forefront of the world's humorists; a parodist, a satirist, a consummate artist. "The Pilgrim" is not a one man show. Chaplin we imagine would be the first to agree that his colleagues render his assistance and help to make his own performance stand out more clear and more dazzling.

East business, however, has been attempted, and the prospects of an arrangement with Turkey has stimulated enterprise on the part of buyers for Constantinople which may prove fruitful of turnover, but has not yet done so in any large degree. Egypt and South America have been named as buyers of finishing styles, but the transactions have not been considerable. The general depression has affected prices. Quite apart from the drop in yarn, makers have proved more amenable to irregularity in quotation. A more general feature of the yarn market is American spinners on the whole, have been a poor week. Not only the Bantams but the shippers also have had little to place with the result that the time has been considerably protracted. Combined Egyptian spinners held off well and favorable markets were sold at the previous week's rates.

BEHIND THE SCENES.**HONGKONG'S ANNUAL REPORTS.**

MUCH ATTEMPTED MUCH DONE.

The Superintendent of Prisons reports that the number of prisoners received into prison in 1922 was 5014 as against 4,990 in 1921. There was an increase of 140 in those who "accepted hospitality" for default of finding surety and a decrease in those convicted by Ordinary Court. It is interesting to note that 3 were convicted by Court Martial. In 1921 the number was 11; Revenue Grade prisoners "admitted" were 2791 under various headings—principally 900 under the Opium Ordinance. Hawkers contributed 534. People with surreptitious arms and ammunition only 36. Tobacco fiends 137. Firing crackers 1 (we could easily have increased this number). Sixty seven per cent of the total admissions to prison were Revenue Grade prisoners. In ways that are dark these men are people evidently take the "Bun." Eighty eight per cent of them were sentenced to less than a year. On the back of course! The New Territories, where we imagined men could do no wrong contributed 124 prisoners. Statisticians and others mathematically inclined will be interested to know that the percentage of convicts in custody to the estimated population was .119. One prisoner was ungrateful enough to escape. Two attempted to do so but were foiled. Inmates were usefully employed and did quite a lot of printing. The buildings are in good repair, which may interest future residents!

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

This is a "check-up" report and makes us understand why there can be delay in issuing reports for publicity. We "thundered" against this delay some time ago, but are inclined to feel repentant this report like Little Jack Horner's plum tart? You put in your thumb and pluck out a plum. For instance during 1922 2025 specimens of food stuffs were seized and destroyed by order of the President (Mr. G. R. Sayer). These included 875 tins of beef, 25 tons of pickled 7 cases of fish, 5 cases of butter, etc. etc. We are very grateful for this spirited attention to our little morsels. Analysis of Beer and other spirituous liquors were made during the year. Whiskey showed two adulterations out of seven submitted, and Brandy three out of a similar number. The Villains! And if any O. B. E's are to be awarded we hope our rat-catchers will not be forgotten. They caught 76,844 in Hongkong and 32,452 in Kowloon. Of these 6 were found to be plague infected in Hongkong and 19 in Kowloon. The K.R.A. should see about this. The good work of Mosquito prevention was carried on by oiling pools and inspecting dwellings for breeding places. There is too much to refer to at one sitting in this voluminous report. We shall come to it again and as we love reading can confidently recommend it as a fascinating and interesting statement of something very efficiently done. A Sanitary Inspector—and we number quite a few amongst our friends, takes on a new light in view of this report.

POLICE WORK.

This should give our social reformers, religious workers, and the vast army interested in the common weal very much to think (furiously to think is the phrase, but we are disciplining ourselves) in 1922 murders went up by 10. Robbery (altogether there were 35) by 127 and burglary by 152 (this included our best silk shirt which we missed on April 1, as ever was) Gang robberies totalled 127 against 56 in 1921 and there were increases in such dreadful things as Manslaughter, Street and highway robberies and on boats and junks. A list under Other Felonies gives an account of what some people were led to do in 1922—Child stealing; cutting and wounding; house-breaking; demanding money; shooting with intent to kill, etc. etc. The estimated value of property stolen during 1922 was \$892,678.48 (this included our silk shirt value \$5.48) as against \$376,531. "A more than slight increase." As Mr. Couss might say: "Every day and in every way we seem to be getting worse and worse." (Editorial correction "more worse.") Stolen property recovered was valued at \$31,090. Seventy-four motor cars stolen took place, 12 trams and 6 rickshaws. Moral: Safety first. Here again is another report which cannot be dismissed in a few lines. We shall hope to come to it again and endeavor to chronicle the multitudinous activities of our Police. All the other things we wrote of them the other night were fully described. We trust all our readers will make their business to get these reports. They will repay careful study and be one of the well-written that "Truth is stranger than fiction."

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EUROPE IN DANGER.**HOME PROFESSOR ON FRENCH POLICY.**

Prof. Gilbert Murray, at Birmingham, said Europe stood in extreme danger of a great war or some other catastrophe. If the entire British Empire was fully informed, he believed it would support the League of Nations and enable the Government to take decisive action. One danger was that the Cabinet did not feel justified in giving information except when questions were asked in the House, an attitude inherent in the Governments of large States.

Frankly, the greatest danger was a military Power, their ally, exercising an unchallenged supremacy more absolute than any since Napoleon's day, which vitiated every question arising in Europe.

If the League of Nations Council, right as it might be now, continued to say nothing on the Ruhr question its influence would collapse in international affairs.

Criticizing the French autocratic policy in the Saar Valley, he said Germany, in despair, appealed to England, believing in her fairness. The French, by demanding full reparations, could follow each failure by annexing great stretches of territory, which meant the break-up of Germany. That was not a policy approved by the majority of Frenchmen in their sober moments.

This country must maintain friendly relations with both sides, seeking an opportunity for agreement. Patience and good faith, and belief in arbitration in our own affairs, would have a profound influence. The League's greatest weapons were publicity and good faith. Even the Turks were greatly impressed by the League's readiness to accept them as equal members. It changed the mental atmosphere just when change was wanted.

SMART OF HIM.

(Will)—Hailon, Henry I got that crate of chickens you sent all right but next time I wish you'd fasten them up more securely. Coming from the station, the wretched things got out. I spent hours according the neighbourhood, and then found only one of them.

Henry—So—oh! I only sent six!

OUT OF WORK.**SHIP'S OFFICERS BEING-SENT HOME.**

A European, Mr. Dixon, who possesses a second mate's certificate, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, on remand charged with vagrancy.

Detective Sub-Inspector Goble stated that Dixon, in company with five others, all officers in the mercantile marine, who are out of work, were staying at the Sailors' Home, West Point, the Harbour Master's expense. They had all agreed to go Home for the first

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one of getting all under the protection and guarding all for it and protectors. When we remember what we are meant to remember, forget what we are meant to forget, all these things are solemn and impressive. But when our mind goes to the other side we laugh at the dignity, reverence and solemnity, the seriousness and awe are. If it were not so it would be to impress us.

Even I who am five foot two, weighed corpulent and cursed had stammer in clothes and a good stammer could be an impediment to a public figure if the officers would keep away. But thank goodness the officers don't keep away. They are in some guardians of the form. They are Nature's ministers, they are certain to keep away in Birmingham. But the Repertory Theatre has them as its supporters. I hope above it, as one says, will be in the way of a statue of Robert Stephenson, the success of the transporting of the walking beam, laugh when almost lost in laugh.

The Woman the World Worships
is She whose Love for her Man
or her Child is so great that
in it she loses Herself!